

Upon Rebecca graduating from Wellesley College in 2005, she had a world of opportunity ahead of her. She headed to Washington to work for ABC News and eventually joined the Obama presidential campaign's staff, energetically serving the Vice President's press team as the general election approached. After President Obama and then-Vice President Biden's landslide election in 2009, Rebecca was given a position on the President's transition team, managing press at the inauguration, and then joined the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as one of the Administration's first DHHS staff placements. Ms. Adelman rose throughout the agency, serving as the Special Assistant to the Administrator at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), as DHHS's Deputy Liaison to the White House, and Acting Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary.

Inspired by her HHS colleagues to be a "doer rather than a talker," as well as by the idea of direct healthcare service, she achieved her status as a Registered Nurse (RN) and earned a Master of Public Health degree with Honors from Johns Hopkins University. Her nursing career began in New York as a neonatal intensive care unit nurse at Mount Sinai, before advancing to become Clinical Nurse Manager and then Patient Care Director at New York Presbyterian Hospital. No matter the professional arena or personal circumstances, her intuition and broad skill set enabled her to perform at the highest level of proficiency. At the time of Ms. Adelman's passing, she was the Nurse Manager responsible for running the entire neonatal intensive care unit at New York-Presbyterian, an incredible achievement to her career journey.

Madam Speaker, Rebecca M. Adelman accomplished so much and earned the love and respect of so many during her short time with us, and she is truly missed. Her family and all who knew her and benefitted from her many contributions to the community can attest to her remarkable impact and inspiration, as well as her enduring optimism and commitment to community. Two years after her passing, Rebecca Adelman's incredible legacy continues to improve the lives of others and will last for a long time to come. Our nation is better off because of the service of Ms. Rebecca M. Adelman, and we are forever grateful for her many contributions.

CASSIE TANNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cassie Tanner for her service to the West Metro Fire Protection District.

Cassie has served on the Board of Directors of the West Metro Fire Protection District for eight years. During her tenure, she has provided strong leadership through a number of significant changes and is currently serving as Board President.

During her tenure on the Board, Cassie oversaw the budget and policy decisions for the West Metro Fire District. In this role, she supported local firefighters who dedicate their lives to serving and protecting people, prop-

erty and the and community at-large. Her background in banking, finance, employee relations as well as her common sense, problem-solving skills helped make her a valuable member of the Board.

I have known Cassie for many years and know her to be a hardworking, dedicated member of our community. I extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Cassie Tanner for her service to the West Metro Fire District and to our local community. I know she will continue on to do great things in our community and I wish her well in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING RUE MAPP

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rue Mapp, whom I have named the 5th Congressional District's 2022 Climate Crisis Champion for her inspiring leadership in combatting the climate crisis currently gripping our communities.

Ms. Mapp was born in Oakland, California. She earned a bachelor's degree in the history of art, with a minor in city and regional planning from the University of California, Berkeley. She also earned a Women in Leadership Certificate from Mills College, Institute for Civic Leadership in her hometown of Oakland.

Ms. Mapp founded Outdoor Afro in 2009 to celebrate and inspire Black people to connect with each other through nature. For the past five years, Outdoor Afro has included a policy and education cohort that has advocated for environmental protection legislation, including the Land Water Conservation Fund, which funds parks and public land. Today, Outdoor Afro includes over 60,000 participants and over 100 volunteer leaders who promote and participate in outdoor activities, such as hiking, fishing, biking and more.

Ms. Mapp has received various honors for her environmental work. Ms. Mapp has been appointed to the California State Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council's Foundation for Youth Investment, where she serves as program officer. Ms. Mapp is also on the board of the Outdoor Industry Association Governance Committee and the vice-chair of The Wilderness Society Governing Council. Additionally, she was invited to the White House by the Obama Administration for the America's Great Outdoors Conference.

In her free time, Ms. Mapp is an avid outdoorswoman, Recreational Vehicle enthusiast, hunter, and fisher. She loves to cook, sew, write, and spend time with her loved ones. Ms. Mapp's family includes her husband, Darin; her three children, Seth, Delaney, and William; her grandchild, Kendrick; and her beloved Pitbull, Lulu.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Rue Mapp has dedicated her life to combatting the climate crisis in our communities through Outdoor Afro. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
JERRICA PROFERES

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerrica Proferes for her distinguished career in service to this Nation and to the people of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District.

As a Military Police Officer stationed at Fort Drum, Jerrica began her career of service with the 23rd Military Police Company. For over three years, Jerrica provided law enforcement and support for more than 40,000 soldiers, civilians, and families. In Iraq, she served valiantly as a member of the Immediate Reaction Force team and Riot Response team as a Corrections Officer.

Shortly thereafter, Jerrica joined the 8th Army Headquarters in Seoul, South Korea, as a Human Resource Specialist and Operations Manager. Through her service in South Korea, Jerrica embraced the important operations role and admirably performed her duties. She conducted countless briefs, statistic reports, meetings, and training courses during her time in Seoul, and managed overseas job placements for over 2,500 soldiers throughout South Korea.

Jerrica later joined the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, as a Small Group Leader and Operations Manager. For nearly two years, she managed the operations and logistics side of the Institute, ensuring that our servicemembers were properly trained in languages of vital national security interests, such as Persian Farsi and Afghan-Dari.

Following her military career, she continued her habit of service by assisting veterans through VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) at Austin Peay State University. As veterans struggled to transition to life after service, Jerrica helped ease their transition by assisting them in submitting campus applications, registering for courses, creating educational goals, and maintaining successful study plans. Her time with VSOC as a mentor, tutor, and Administrative Assistant left an indelible mark on the lives of servicemembers that will not be forgotten.

As a State Senator for the Tennessee General Assembly, I had the pleasure of working with Jerrica while she served as our legislative intern. Through her efficiency, hard work, and clear skill, I knew that I needed to hire her as a permanent staffer. When I was elected to Congress and putting together a team to serve the people of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District, Jerrica was at the top of my list. Since January 2019, Jerrica has been the indispensable core of my office. From the innumerable tasks required to set up a congressional office, to creating efficient systems and ensuring the smooth flow of all operations, Jerrica has gone above and beyond in her work, demonstrating the meaning of servant-leadership by example. Our ability to serve the 7th district would not be where it is without her hard work and dedication as Director of Scheduling and Operations.

Jerrica is passionate about what she believes, observant of other people's needs, and, above all, serves others. Even now, as she transitions from my office, she turns to another

avenue of service to this Nation: educating its youth.

Reflecting on her three and a half years of service in my office, Jerrica has performed her role with all honor and distinction. It has been an honor and a privilege to have her as a member of my staff.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, with some regret that she is leaving but immense gratitude for her presence in our office, I commend Jerrica Proferes for pursuing the great responsibility of educating the next generation, and I thank her for her faithful and diligent service to the people of Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District.

**CONGRATULATING HUNGARIAN  
PRIME MINISTER VIKTOR ORBAN  
ON RE-ELECTION**

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban on his resounding reelection. The people of Hungary, in a super majority, not only supported him, but his party. In my view, the recipe to his success in Hungary is simple: put Hungary first, always. By focusing on what is good for Hungarians, Mr. Orban rejected internationalism, socialism, and subservience to non-sensical European Union mandates. It is a model, quite frankly, we should follow in the United States, where we seal our borders to protect our citizens and our economy, where we focus on rebuilding families, where we focus on the spirit of our people through God, not just material pursuits, and where we make economic policies that protect our own people and do not subsidize others.

I am also including in the RECORD the following statement from Judicial Watch and Mr. Tom Fitton, its President. They sent a team of election observers to Hungary and found it was a well run, orderly, and fair election, with no corruption. The same cannot be said about our own elections. Congratulations to Mr. Orban, and Mr. Fitton, for the good work they are doing.

**JUDICIAL WATCH TEAM OBSERVES HUNGARY  
ELECTIONS—PRAISES ELECTION DAY PROCESSES**

WASHINGTON, DC.—Judicial Watch announced today that it sent a six-member team to observe Election Day procedures during the April 3, 2022, Hungarian parliamentary and referendum national elections. A Judicial Watch report on the Hungarian election concluded that the administration of the vote on Election Day was efficient, orderly, and unremarkable.

The team was led by attorneys who previously worked for the Department of Justice's Voting Section monitoring state and federal elections in the United States. The team also included lawyers who had monitored elections for Judicial Watch.

Judicial Watch's representatives observed voting in 52 precincts at 27 locations in and around Budapest. The Judicial Watch team did not observe any meaningful problems throughout the day. Despite a high national turnout rate approaching 70%, lines were usually brief and only rarely exceeded 15 minutes. The Hungarian electoral practice of

including representatives of every party of any size at each voter registration desk appears to have contributed to a low-controversy environment. In some ways, according to the report, the administration of the vote was more effective, and less chaotic, than what team members had observed in previous elections in parts of the United States.

Judicial Watch's monitoring methodology emphasizes ballot access, meaning the ability of citizens to easily register and cast an equal vote in an election. It particularly focuses on recording specific Election Day problems concerning unlawful electioneering, arbitrary variations in the rules for voting, aggressive voting assistance, unusual ballot handling, voter intimidation or confrontations, and voter "turn aways."

Judicial Watch noted that its methodology contrasted with the approach adopted by other international observers, who often criticized the Hungarian elections based on value judgments about matters like media bias, negative campaigning, campaign finance policy, and the prevalence of women candidates. The report stated that these "are matters more appropriately addressed by editorial boards, not election monitoring teams."

"The transnational Left swarmed Hungary in order to try to create controversy about the election of their ideological opponent, Viktor Orban. By contrast, Judicial Watch's expert election observer team found virtually no issues in the conduct of the elections in Hungary," stated Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

**CONGRATULATING GRAMMY  
AWARDED ROCKFORD NATIVE  
ROBERT ISTAD**

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Robert Istad for receiving a Grammy Award for "Best Choral Performance."

Robert Istad is a native of Rockford, Illinois and a graduate of the Christian Life High School. Now a professor of Choral Studies and a conductor at Cal State Fullerton, Robert's passion for music has become a fulfilling career. This year, Robert won a Grammy Award for "Best Choral Performance" for his work on the classical piece Mahler Symphony Number 8, Symphony of a Thousand. It is the first Grammy Award for Robert and his renowned choir, the resident chorus at Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to, again, formally congratulate Robert Istad on his first Grammy Award, and wish him much success in his life and career.

**HONORING JOHN WILLIAMS**

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Williams, whom I have named the 5th Congressional District's 2022 Climate Crisis Champion from

Napa County for his inspiring leadership in combatting the climate crisis currently gripping our communities.

Born in Clymer, New York, Mr. Williams earned his bachelor's degree from Cornell University and his master's degree in Oenology from University of California, Davis. Mr. Williams founded Frog's Leap Winery over 40 years ago, working as a cellar hand at Stag's Leap Winery and Spring Mountain Winery to finance the first vintage of Frog's Leap wine.

On top of his deep passion for making excellent wine, Mr. Williams has made Frog's Leap Winery a pioneer of organic viticulture practices by abstaining from chemical fertilizers and pesticides, reducing irrigation, and installing solar technology. In fact, he brought a solar installation to Frog's Leap before any other winery in Napa County, starting a climate-friendly trend in the industry.

Mr. Williams participates in various community activities that work to combat climate change. He is a founding member of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers Environment and Climate Committee and also serves on the organization's Industry Issues Committee, which works to educate on climate-smart farming practices and setting measurable climate action goals for the wine industry. He was the 2020 Porto Protocols Speaker on Climate Change and the recipient of the coveted "Susty" award from the Ecological Farming Conference. Mr. Williams has also played a major role in the Napa Valley River Restoration project.

Mr. Williams' family have only good things to say about his amazing climate work and environmental business practices. John and his wife Tori have been married for 12 years, and collectively are the proud parents of Rory, Kaylor, Kelly and Owen and four grandchildren, Hal, Alma, Casey and Sophie.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that John Williams has dedicated his life to combating the climate crisis in our communities. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

**IN MEMORY OF MOTOR MACHINIST  
MATE 2ND CLASS ROGER H.  
SPOONER**

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today, to pay tribute to an extraordinary sailor, World War II veteran, and dedicated civil servant, Mr. Roger H. Spooner, who transitioned from labor to reward on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the age of 99. His funeral service was held on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. under the "Spooner Oak" on Bartow Gibson Highway in Seminole County, Georgia.

Roger Hern Spooner was born November 18, 1922, as one of eight children to the union of Lewis and Delia Spooner.

In his pursuit of a life outside of farming, Roger answered the call to serve his nation when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October of 1941 at the age of 18. After completing boot camp, he was sent to the aircraft carrier,